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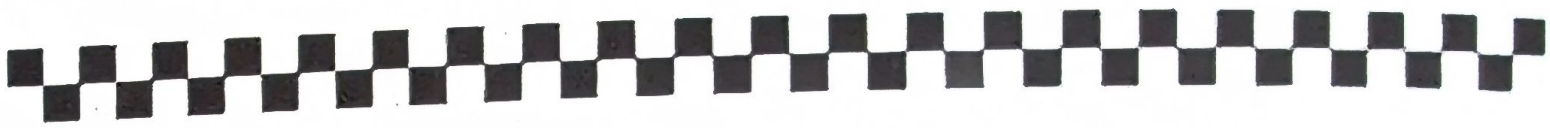

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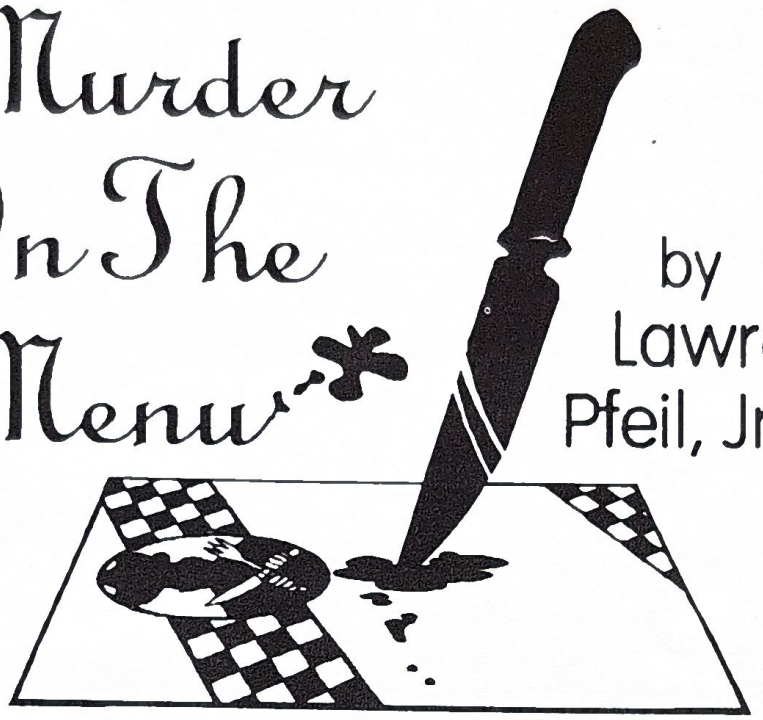

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Andre	Jim Azelvandre
Tony	Bruce Thompson
Susan	Ali Stephens
Aubrey	Michael Bede
Carolyn Hyde	Alice Mooney
Jennifer Goldman	Leni Koloski
Francine Baxster	Lisa Starkey
Spencer Wilson, III	Mark Reuter
Nancy Milner	Nancy Shelton Williams
Tom Milner	Don Roberts
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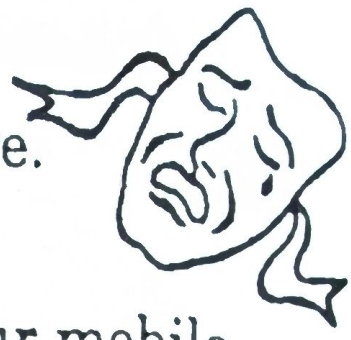

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Jim Azelvandre (Andre)
Jim is a 1990 graduate of Bowling Green State University. He has spent the last two years working in upstate New York, North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Michigan at various theatre companies. Included in his credits are **The Rocky Horror Picture Show**, **Greater Tuna**, and **For the Love of Angelina**. A native of Columbus, he is glad to be back.

Michael W. Beatty (John Segerer)
Mike attended BGSU for journalism leaving early to go to Los Angeles where he studied with the Groundlings Improvisation Theatre. The wanderlust continued with his joining the U.S. Army in Europe. Finishing stateside with his sergeant stripes, he began his radio broadcast career in Seattle. Family and career brought him back to the Buckeye State as a self-employed actor, voice-over artist, and writer. Mike is engaged to a wonderful and beautiful woman with three children. This is great because Michael never did grow up.

Ali Goodworth (Susan)
Ali last worked with Spotlight on **Side By Side By Sondheim**, although she was last seen in **Murder Misdirected** as Kim Janis/Betty last fall. Previous roles include Ophelia with Rosebriar Shakespeare, Bianca in **Taming of the Shrew**, Mabel Chiltern in An **Idea Husband**, Felicity in **Haebeus Corpus** all back home in England. By day she is a bartender, so this role is a real stretch.

Leni Koloski (Jennifer Goldman)
After retiring from marketing management, Leni returned to active participation in theatre, which had been postponed during the years she and her husband Marion were raising their five children. Leni has been active with Grandparents Living Theatre for three years, most recently as a member of the cast of **I was Young ... Now I'm Wonderful**, which premiered in Cologne, Germany in 1991 and continues to tour after having played in Columbus in the Spring and Fall of 1991. The show will be featured at the first national Senior Theatre Festival in Las Vegas in January in 1993.

Alice Mooney (Carolyn Hyde)
Alice is a familiar face with Columbus audiences having performed with nearly every theatre group in town. A regular at Spotlight Dinner Theatre, Alice was most recently seen in **Blame It on the Movies**, which she also choreographed. Other Spotlight credits include Miss Watson and Sally Phelps in **Big River**, Gloria in **Murder Over Dinner**, and Angela/Lady Mumford in **Murder Misdirected**. Recent choreography credits include **Baby** at the Villa Milano Dinner Theatre, **Blame It on the Movies** at Spotlight, and the Press Club's **Gridiron Show**. Also active in filmwork, Alice has appeared in **Unsolved Mysteries**, **Little Man Tate**, **Soap Talk**, and **Comcast Cable's Smith vs. Jones**.

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Mark Reuter (Spencer Wilson III)

Mark is making his professional acting debut with Spotlight Dinner Theatre, although he is no stranger to the stage. For the past three years, Mark has been involved in numerous productions with OSU's Stroller's Student Theatrics , the oldest acting community theatre in the world. His most noticeable roles include Sheridan Whiteside in **The Man Who Came to Dinner** and Horace Vandergelder in **The Matchmaker**. This past summer, Mark took his talents outdoors in Actor's Summer Theatre's production of **1776**. Mark currently resides in Columbus and enjoys everything about the city (except the orange barrels). He especially enjoys the friends he has made while participating in theatre. In his spare time, Mark enjoys reading, singing, and crossword puzzles.

Don Roberts (Tom Milner)

Don has appeared in over 30 productions in Central Ohio in the last 5 years. Some of his favorite roles were: McMurphy in **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**, J. Earl Sheets in **Moonlight Daring Us to go Insane**, Owen Musser in **The Foreigner**, Mark in **The Shadow Box**, Ed Earl Dodd in **The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas**, and Rooster in **Annie**. Don is pursuing a professional acting career and has appeared in numerous commercials and industrial films throughout the Midwest. He is appearing in a national commercial for Lennox Industries on ESPN and CNN.

Nancy Shelton Williams (Nancy Milner)

Nancy has been involved in the theatre for the past 20 years and apparently hasn't learned her lesson -- she keeps coming back for more! After receiving her BA in Theatre at Otterbein College and having an internship at The Actor's Theatre of Louisville in Kentucky, Nancy spent several years touring the country in a variety of comedies, musicals, and straight plays. The gypsy life caught up with her when she settled in Los Angeles for eight years. While there, Nancy appeared in a few TV shows, Movie-of-the-Weeks, and plays, while learning simultaneously how to dodge bullets on the Ventura freeway. Nancy is happily settled back in Columbus with her talented husband Len and their precious daughter, Caitlin. Now she has to dodge orange barrels on Bethel Road.

Lisa Starkey (Francine Baxster)

Born and raised in Chillicothe, Lisa got involved in theatre in high school, performing in such various plays and musicals including **Guys and Dolls**, **The Wizard of Oz**, and **Any Number Can Die**. She graduated from the Ohio State University in 1984 with a degree in Journalism. Her interest was in public relations which naturally led her to a career in the insurance field. In 1987 she took an exciting position in the lingerie business with Victoria's Secret. She is currently the Administrative Assistant to the Executive Vice President/ Chief Financial Officer of Victoria's Secret.

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Bruce Thompson (Tony)
This has been a busy season for Bruce. The character of Tony makes his seventh role since the beginning of 1992. He has played characters as diversified as Dr. Scrivello, D.D.S., in **Little Shop of Horrors**, Treat in **Orphans**, and John Hancock in **1776**. He is also currently serving as a board member and the 1992-93 production manager at The Little Theatre Off Broadway in Grove City.

Production Staff

Lawrence Pfeil, Jr. (Playwright/Director)
Murder on the Menu is the third murder nystery that Larry has written, and with a potential for thirty different endings, he may have run out of ideas. His first mystery, **Murder Over Dinner**, just closed after running over two years and fifty performances. His second mystery, **Murder Misdirected**, was named one of the "Ten Local Best Plays" by the Columbus Dispatch. Larry graduated from Miami University with a BA in Theatre Performance and Speech Communication in 1987 and a MA in directing in 1988. One of the founders of Spotlight, Larry is currently the Artistic Director. His directing credits include: **Godspell**, **Baby**, **Side By Side By Sondheim**, and **Big River** at Spotlight. He is also a professional actor represented by CAM.

Production Staff

Phyllis Thomas (Stage Manager)
Phyllis is new to Spotlight but not to theatre. She has worked most every area from backstage to directing. Most recently, Phyllis stage managed Gallery Players' production of **Of Thee I Sing**. In the "real" world she is a grandmother of two and works as a Management Analyst for the State Department of Health.

Production Staff

Abby Vaile (Costume Designer)
Abby is no stranger to Spotlight. She has directed **Blame It on the Movies**, and **Murder Misdirected** for Spotlight, and has been costume designer for **Godspell**, **Baby**, **Ma Rainey's Black Bottom**, and **Big River**. At other theatres she has directed **Move Over Miss Markham**, **How to Eat Like a Child**, and **The Boys Next Door**. Abby's first love is youth theatre. She has toured with Columbus Junior Theatre's Professional Company and was director of Children's Theatre at the Leo Yassenoff Center. Abby is on the board of Spotlight Dinner Theatre and is a founding member of LWLC.

Production Staff

Michael Perales (Hair Designer)
This is Michael's third show at Spotlight. In the past, he has designed hair for **Big River** and **Blame It on the Movies**, and has designed hair for many other theatre groups in Columbus. Michael works at DeSantis Hair Salons.

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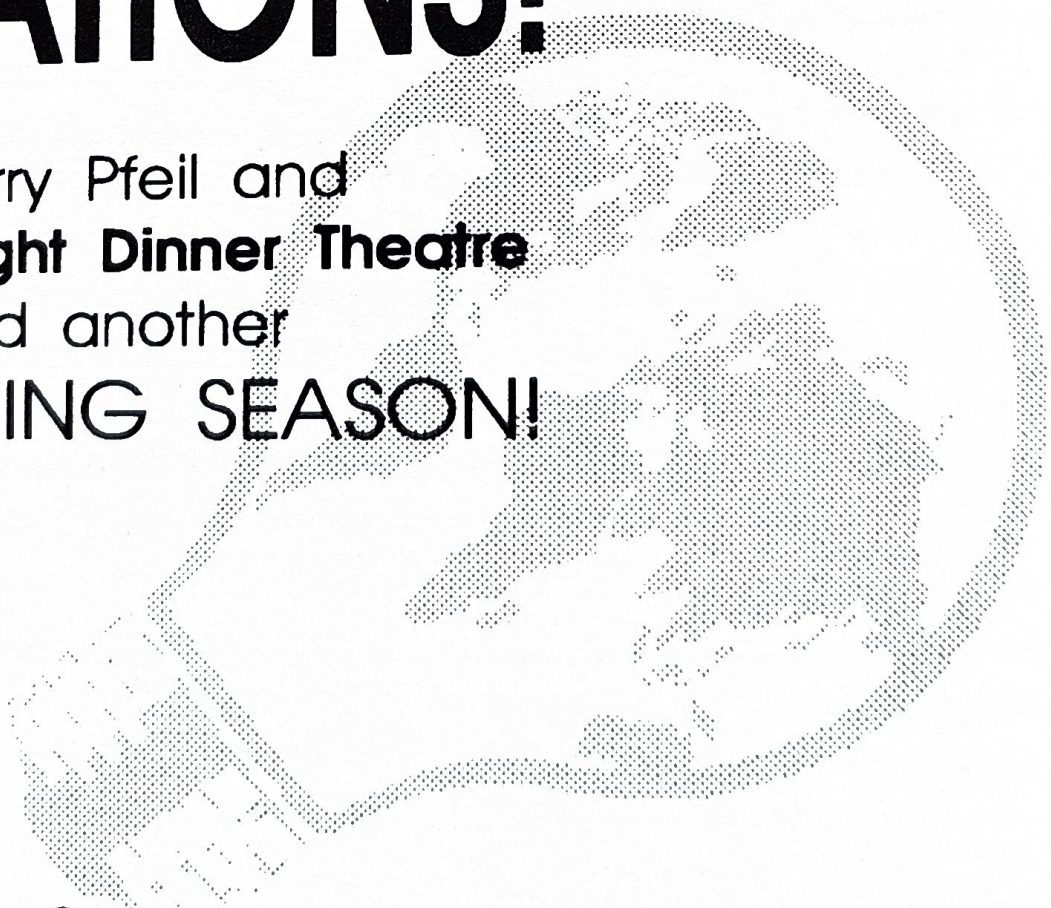

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